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CORRECTION: The defendant faces nine felony counts and updates arraignment information.

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Woman Charged with Embezzling From Little League, Girl Scouts, PTA

A 37-year-old woman has been charged with stealing money from several children's organizations over three years, the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office announced.

Veronica Monique Paderez (dob 5/1/78) of West Covina has been charged with nine felony counts of grand theft by embezzlement in case KA112237.

The defendant was scheduled to be arraigned today but it was continued to May 16 in Department 4 of the Los Angeles County Superior Court, West Covina Branch. Bail was set at \$100,000.

Prosecutors allege that Paderez embezzled funds from the Parent Teacher Association at Vine Elementary School in West Covina, the West Covina American Little League and the Girl Scouts Greater Los Angeles from 2013 to 2015.

Paderez reportedly was a volunteer with each of the organizations and had access to their accounts and money collections, prosecutors added.

The case is being investigated by the West Covina Police Department.

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